GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of works under MGNREGS funds - Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri M.Ashok Babu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Mandal Praja Parishad, Machavaram, Guntur District (retired on 30.06.2020) - Inquiry conducted - Imposition of withholding of hundred percent (100%) Pension, Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity and all other Pensionary benefits including Leave Encashment etc., in full and permanently, besides recovery of misappropriated amount of Rs. 3.02 lakhs- Orders -Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.491. **Dated:16.08.2023**

Read the following:-

1 Charge Memo No.14624/CPR & RE/A3/2010, Dt.09.12.2010
2 Lr.No.7233/2010/P7, dt:13.01.2011 of the CEO, ZPP, Guntur along with written statement of defense of Sri M.Ashok Babu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Mandal Praja Parishad, Machavaram, Guntur District (now retired)
3 Procgs. No.14624/CPR&RE/A3/2010, dt.28.04.2011.
4 Lr.No.3242/P7/2011, dt.27.07.2011 of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur district along with enquiry report.
5 Memo.No.14624/CPR & RE/A3/2010, Dt:30.08.2011
6 Lr.No.3242/P7/2011, dt.22.10.2011 of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur district along with reply of the delinquent officer.
7. Letter No.12567/Vig.IV/A2/2012-7, Dt:28.01.2015.
8. From Prl.Secretary, APPSC, Letter No.431/RT/3/2013, Dt:01.04.2016.
9. Letter No.12567/Vig.V/2012, Dt:24.10.2017.
10.From Prl.Secretary, APPSC, Letter No.431/RT-I/3/2013, Dt:08.11.2017.
11.Commissioner, PR&RD Procgs.No.1041896/CPR & RD/A1/2019, Dated:08.01.2020
12.Memo.No.12567/Vig.V/2012(Comp.No.439740), dated:28.01.2021.
13.From the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishd, Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.3242/2011-G3, Dt:31.05.2021 together with the explanation of Sri M.Ashok Babu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Mandal Praja Parishad, Machavaram, Guntur District (now retired) dt:19.04.2021

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment has initiated disciplinary action by framing eight (8) Article of charges against Sri M.Ashok Babu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Mandal Praja Parishad, Machavaram, Guntur District (now retired) under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991 for the irregularities committed by him in execution of works under MGNREGS funds. In the reference 2nd read above, the Charged officer has submitted his written statement of defense.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment has appointed the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur District as Enquiry officer and the Project Director, DWMA, Guntur district as Presenting Officer to inquire in to the charges framed against the said Charged officer.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted his inquiry report and stated that out of eight (8) Article of charges framed against the Charged officer, Charges -I & IV are proved, Charges - II, VI & VIII are partly proved and Charges- III, V & VII are not proved. In the reference 5th read above, a copy of the inquiry report was communicated to Sri M.Ashok Babu, former Mandal Parishad

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Development Officer, Mandal Praja Parishad, Machavaram, Guntur District for his explanation on the findings of the Enquiry Officer. In the reference 6th read above, the delinquent officer has submitted his further explanation on the inquiry report with a request to drop further action against him.

4. After examining the matter, Government have provisionally decided to impose the punishment of dismissal from service besides recovery of Rs.3.02 Lakhs against the delinquent officer and accordingly, requested the APPSC for their concurrence on the above proposal of the Government vide reference 7th read above. In the reference 8th read above, the APPSC have concurred the proposal of the Government, to impose major punishment of dismissal from service besides recovery of Rs.3.02 Lakhs against the delinquent officer.

5. Sri M.Ashok Babu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Mandal Praja Parishad, Machavaram, Guntur District was retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2020 vide reference 11th read above.

6. After examining the matter, Government have provisionally decided to impose major penalty on Sri M.Ashok Babu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Mandal Praja Parishad, Machavaram, Guntur District, for withholding of hundred percent (100%) pension, death-cum-retirement gratuity and all other pensionary benefits including leave encashment etc., in full and permanently, besides recovery of misappropriated amount of Rs. 3.02 lakhs, which is equivalent to dismissal from service, under AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, a show cause notice was issued to the delinquent officer on the above provisional decision vide reference 12th read above. The delinquent officer has submitted his further explanation to the Show Cause notice and requested to drop all further proceedings and settle his retirement benefits vide reference 13th read above.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, explanation submitted by the delinquent officer have decided to impose penalty of withholding of hundred percent (100%) Pension, Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity and all other Pensionary benefits including Leave encashment etc., in full and permanently, besides recovery of misappropriated amount of Rs. 3.02 lakhs, which is equivalent to dismissal from service, under AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 on Sri M.Ashok Babu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Mandal Praja Parishad, Machavaram, Guntur District, (retired on 30.06.2020).

8. Accordingly, Government here by order to impose penalty of withholding of hundred percent (100%) Pension, Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity and all other Pensionary benefits including Leave encashment etc., in full and permanently, besides recovery of misappropriated amount of Rs. 3.02 lakhs, which is equivalent to dismissal from service, under AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 on Sri M.Ashok Babu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Mandal Praja Parishad, Machavaram, Guntur District (retired on 30.06.2020).

9. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P., Tadepalli shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly and report compliance to the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development,
A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District
Sri M. Ashok Babu, former Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Mandal Praja Parishad, Machavaram, Guntur Dist.(Retired) **through** the Commissioner, PR & RD, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District.

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The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, AP, Vijayawada.
The District Treasury Officer, Guntur.
The P.S to Dy.Chief Minister (PR &RD)
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